## LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: March 28, 2006, Work Session AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5

CONSENT: REGULAR: X CLOSED SESSION: (Confidential)

ACTION: INFORMATION: X

<u>ITEM TITLE:</u> Petition for Two-Way Traffic on Church and Main Streets

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Determine an approach to consider a petition to re-establish two-way traffic on Church and Main Streets.

<u>SUMMARY:</u> For over a year the idea of re-establishing two-way traffic on Church and Main Streets as part of the downtown revitalization has been under discussion. Lynch's Landing has sponsored several stakeholder meetings on the matter and some preliminary engineering analysis has been done on the feasibility of conversion. Staff, although supportive of the conversion, has acknowledged that this initiative could not be further considered until there was demonstrated support from downtown stakeholders. Recently, the attached petition signed by a number of downtown stakeholders has been received.

Staff would like to discuss with Council a process to consider the petition, to examine the costs and benefits of the proposed conversion, and to ensure appropriate stakeholder input prior to any action that Council might take. The discussion would also include establishing a timetable for action and an examination of the role of Lynch's Landing in the process. This issue is already a part of Lynch's Landing's work plan and Terri Proffitt has expressed a willingness to facilitate stakeholder discussion.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None by Council.

FISCAL IMPACT: To be determined.

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ATTACHMENT(S): Petition

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## Petition for Two Way Traffic on Main Street

We, the Merchants of Main Street, request the City of Lynchburg to change the traffic pattern of Main Street from One Way to Two Way. We feel this would slow the traffic down enough to afford people more time to notice what Downtown Main Street has to offer. It would slow down traffic enough to allow people to find parking spaces, without being intimidated by the faster traffic flow produced by One Way traffic.

Thank you for your consideration.

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